



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 5

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

Citations Affected: Article 6 of the Indiana Constitution.

Synopsis: County officers. Removes all county offices, except the office of sheriff, from the Indiana Constitution.

Effective: This proposed amendment must be agreed to by two consecutive general assemblies and ratified by a majority of the state's voters voting on the question to be effective.

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January 13, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures.

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Introduced

First Regular Session 116th General Assembly (2009)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 6 of the Indiana Constitution concerning local government.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
- 2 State of Indiana is proposed and agreed to by this, the One Hundred
- 3 Sixteenth General Assembly of the State of Indiana, and is referred to
- 4 the next General Assembly for reconsideration and agreement.
- 5 SECTION 2. ARTICLE 6, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION
- 6 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 7 FOLLOWS: Section 2. (a) There shall be elected, in each county by the
- 8 voters thereof, at the time of holding general elections, a ~~Clerk of the~~
- 9 ~~Circuit Court, Auditor, Recorder, Treasurer, Sheriff, Coroner, and~~
- 10 ~~Surveyor~~, who shall ~~severally~~, hold their offices **office** for four years.
- 11 (b) ~~The General Assembly may provide by law for uniform dates for~~
- 12 ~~beginning the terms of the county officials listed in subsection (a): If~~
- 13 ~~the General Assembly enacts a law to provide a uniform date for~~



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1 beginning the terms of a county official listed in subsection (a); the
2 General Assembly may provide that the term of each county official
3 initially elected after enactment of the law to provide the uniform date
4 for beginning the terms of the county official is for less than four years
5 in order to establish a uniform schedule of dates for the beginning of
6 terms for the office. However, after the initial election for each office,
7 the term for that office shall be for four years.

8 ~~(c) No~~ (b) A person shall be is not eligible to the office of Clerk,
9 Auditor, Recorder, Treasurer, Sheriff or Coroner more than eight years
10 in any period of twelve years.

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